

Parishes of Greatham, Empshott and Hawkley with Priors Dean



Welcoming, Invitational & Inclusive, Safe and Encouraging

Church News

8 December 2024

Advent 2

Empshott 09.15 Holy Communion

Peter Sutton

Hawkley 10.15 Morning Worship

Tom Wilkinson and Elizabeth Hawkins

Greatham 11.00 Holy Communion

Peter Sutton

Priors Dean 17.30 Evensong

Peter Sutton and Elizabeth Hawkins

All are Welcome!

Our churches are all open to visitors (Priors Dean by appointment).

Contact Peter Sutton for details – 01730 827459 or

peter.sutton@portsmouth.anglican.org

Bells for Maggie Johnson

Ringers ring a Quarter Peal for Maggie Johnson from 1500 Sunday 8th Dec.

RIP : Huguette Jenkinson

With sadness to report the death of Huguette Jenkinson, a much loved Reader at Greatham who died on November 17th and whose funeral is on Friday 6th December Cambridgeshire.

Joint PCC – 7th December

Greatham, Empshott and Hawkley with Priors Dean Parochial Church Councils (PCC) have their second joint meeting on Saturday 7th December 1000 – 1130 at Greatham Church Room. Coffee available from 09.45.

This meeting is in preparation for the clergy vacancy after Peter Sutton retires. The meeting will discuss, or note for discussion at later meetings:

Parish Profile preparation:

- Congregational 'Have your say' forms
- Community 'drop in' meetings on 14th December
- Children's input
- Photographs/video

Vacancy preparation:

- Service cover, readings, hymns and orders of service
- Occasional Offices: baptisms, weddings and funerals
- PCC and Annual Parochial Church meetings, reports/accounts and Mission Statistics
- Electoral Roll revisions
- Church News
- Vicarage

Further Joint PCCs are planned for 18th January and 8th February (with the Area Dean and Archdeacon).



Coffee? Cake?

Come, chat, make new friends.

Tuesdays at Hawkley Village Hall 1000 – 1200.

Thursdays in Greatham Church Centre 1000- 1200.

Greatham Old Church Carols 7th December

Because of Adverse weather – Carols will now be in
across the road in St John's Church.

Same event, safer venue!

All are welcome.



Recording in Hawkley Church

Hawkley Church is being used for recording between 9.30 – 13.00 on Thursday 12th December. If the Church doors are closed in these times please avoid entering the Church if you can. Thankyou.

Hawkley supporting Portsmouth Family Welfare

The Hawkley collection last Sunday raised £526 for PFW. Thank you very much for your generosity which will provide food vouchers for families in the city.

Thank you!

Weekday Morning Prayer at Hawkley

Mondays	0900
Tuesdays	0900
Wednesdays	0730
Thursdays	0900

Morning Prayer from Common Worship is the contemporary version of the morning daily office. It follows a pattern of introduction, psalm(s), readings, canticles including the Benedictus and prayers appropriate to the day. Currently up to 5 or 6 people might come – it is a great way to start the day and there is room for lots more! Morning Prayer last for 20 – 25 minutes.

Some attendees of Morning Prayer, but by no means all, use the App on their phones which saves having to look up readings and psalms – it's all on the phone! How times have changed. Whether you come to church for this or not, have a look at this App – you can, of course use it anywhere!



Everyone and anyone is always welcome!

Christmas across the Benefice

7 Dec	Greatham	1800 Old Church Carols (Now in St John's)
9 Dec	Greatham	1330 Greatham Nursery School
11 Dec	Greatham	1730 Friends of Greatham School (FROGS) Carols
13 Dec	Greatham	9.15 Yr 4 Greatham School
14 Dec	Hawkley	1600 Christingle
16 Dec	Greatham	Greatham School Christingle
20 Dec	Priors Dean	1800 Carol Service
	Hawkley	1900 Carols on the Green
22 Dec	Hawkley	1800 Carol Service
24 Dec	Greatham	1600 Christingle
	Empshott	1800 Carol Service
	Greatham	2000 Christmas Communion
	Hawkley	2330 Midnight Mass
25 Dec	Empshott	0915 Holy Communion
	Priors Dean	0930 Holy Communion (<i>by extension</i>)
	Hawkley	1030 Holy Communion
	Greatham	1100 Morning Worship
29 Dec	Greatham	1030 Benefice Communion



A New Vicar – Community Drop-Ins on Saturday 14th Dec

Each of our Parochial Church Councils has begun the work required to appoint a new vicar. The PCCs are having a number of joint meetings to prepare a Parish Profile which they hope to complete by the end of January. The Parish Profile is a document which describes the parishes, the churches, their strengths and weaknesses, and most importantly, their aspirations for the future. It is in effect a job description as well as a person specification for potential applicants for the post.

Do you have views? Would you like to contribute to the content of our Parish Profile? Those who are regulars in our churches will have opportunity to express what they think but even if you don't attend church, you can still have a say. The church belongs to everyone – so what would you like your parish church to be like in the future? What kind of vicar do you think is needed? On **Saturday 14th December**, Peter Sutton and others will be in each of our four churches at the following times and ready to hear your views.

St John the Baptist, Greatham	09.30 – 10.30
Holy Rood, Empshott	11.00 – 12.00
St Peter & St Paul, Hawkley	13.30 – 14.30
Priors Dean Church	15.00 – 16.00

Come and tell us what you think. If you can't make one of the drop-ins write down your comments and leave them in the box at the back of church not later than 31st December. Help to us get the Parish Profile right. Thank you!

A New Vicar – Views of regular Congregations

Just as members of the community have been invited to drop ins on 14th December to contribute to this, those who come to Church services also have a chance to contribute to the process of creating a great Parish Profile. The PCCs have reaffirmed our vision statement summed up in the word

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...and have set out in our Mission Action Plan some of the priorities that we hope a new vicar will help us to realise.

Greatham	Empshott	Hawkey	Priors Dean
Develop the Service Pattern that works for each Church, the Benefice and those who lead.			
Develop Lay Ministry – Lay Worship Leaders (developing worship), Lay Pastoral Assistants (developing pastoral care), Lay Preachers, Anna Chaplains, Sacristans and Vice Chairs of PCC			
Music Provision – what/who do we need to do to ensure future music provision for worship.			
Wider use of the Church & Church Room Community	Survey community to learn what Empshott wants its Church to be	Develop Sunday Funday and our ministry to young families	Explore ways of making the Church more accessible to visitors
Deliver a great 150 th Anniversary Year	Improve community Communications	Work more closely with bell ringers to develop a centre of training excellence	Develop Yewlian Meetings
Build on school relationship	Further develop the Hut as a community asset	Grow Wednesday Morning Prayers restart Reflections	Eco Church – go for Silver
Fully establish a Friends of Greatham Church	Develop the purchasing fundraising scheme	Loose ends from the ‘Making Our Church More Welcoming’ Project – eg notice boards, resources for visitors etc.	
Eco Church – go for Bronze	Eco Church – go for Silver	Eco Church – go for Silver	
Build on relationships with other churches	Engage with local schools	Make a decision about churchyard extension	
Replace notice board		Seek more opportunities for spiritual development	
Explore the bell tower project			

Peter Sutton is expecting to finish by the end of February – subject to retirement housing being finalised. The Joint PCC indicated that it would be happy to receive a Bishop’s nomination if he has one to make, or if not, for the post to be advertised.

In each of our churches there are questionnaires that ask:

- What words would you use to describe your Parish Church?
- What is missing, what would you like to see? What would you like to see that could make it even better?
- What are the qualities you think are important in our next parish priest?
- Anything else that you would like our PCCs to think about as they prepare the Parish Profile?

If you are able to pick up a questionnaire, please complete it and return to the box at the back of each Church by 31st December.

Thank you!



How to Donate

We are very grateful to everyone who supports us financially – thank you! Each of our churches are members of the national Parish Giving Scheme which means that you can easily set up a way to give that suits you. Either visit the website use www.parishgiving.org.uk or telephone 0333 002 1260. Simply state the name of the Church you wish to support and their parish code:

St Peter and St Paul Church, Hawkley	Code Number: 290629087
Priors Dean Church	Code Number: 290629088
St John the Baptist, Greatham	Code Number: 290629086
Empshott	Code Number: 290629083

PGS will ask for your contact details and bank details: sort code, account number and account name. For details of other ways to support any of our churches, please contact the appropriate treasurer:

Hawkley	Alex Baker	Alexandra-wilkinson@hotmail.com
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Greatham	Steve Hedicker	shedicker58@gmail.com
Empshott	Verity Tucker	verityvmtucker@gmail.com

Clergy Contacts:

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Revd Sue Jones	susan.jones1410@gmail.com	07884 141019

Readers:

Elizabeth Hawkins	01730 827502
Paul Goddard	07837 651579

Parochial Church Councils:

Greatham:

David Rudd (Church Warden), Kay Thorpe (Church Warden), Carole Rudd Secretary & Safeguarding Officer), Steve Hedicker, Simon Lewis and Paul Goddard and Peter Sutton.

Empshott:

David Tucker (Church Warden), Helen Sinclair (Church Warden), Carol Ashby, Sarah Walker, Verity Tucker, Susan Sinclair, Phil Momber and Peter Sutton

Hawley with Priors Dean:

Neil Chrimes (Church Warden), Tom Wilkinson (Church Warden), Molly Keer, Alex Wilkinson, Jane Wyman, Carolyn Fair, D Green, Nick Pettman, Jo Knight (*Safeguarding Officer for Hawley and Empshott*), Elizabeth Hawkins and Peter Sutton

Safeguarding Officers:

Greatham:

Carole Rudd 01420 538160

Hawley with Priors Dean and Empshott:

Jo Knight 01730 827974

Next Sunday – 15th December

Priors Dean	08.45	Holy Communion
Empshott	09.15	Morning Prayer
Hawley	10.15	Holy Communion
Greatham	11.00	Morning Worship

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If you would like to receive Church News, which is emailed weekly, please contact Peter Sutton peter.sutton@portsmouth.anglican.org